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MAJOR ITEMS TO BE RE-EXAMINED CONCERNING  
ESSENTIALS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF NATIONAL POLICIES

1. What is the future outlook of the European War Situation? (Foreign Ministry and Statistics Bureau)

/Marginal note/ In the present case.  
In case Japan initiated war.

2. What is the future outlook from the point of view of strategy in regard to a war against the United States, England and Holland in the initial stage and when protracted over several years? In the afore-mentioned case what would the military measures of the U.S.A. and England, availing themselves of Japanese unoccupied areas in China be? (Statistics Bureau)

/Marginal note/ The North to be considered simultaneously, also.

3. Assuming that we initiate a war in the Southern regions this fall, what will be forthcoming as relative phenomena in the North? (War, Navy and Foreign Ministries and Statistics Bureau)
4. What are the estimates of the shipping to be commandeered by the government and also of the wear and tear thereof during the first three years following the outbreak of a war against the United States, England and Holland? (Statistics Bureau)
5. In this connection, what are the estimates on the transportation capacity of vessels available for civilian purposes in the country, and also on the supply and demand of major commodity items? (Planning Board)
6. What will be the scale of the government's war budget, and the sustaining power in finance and credit in the event of a war against America, England and Holland? (Finance Ministry)
7. What degree of collaboration can we induce Germany and Italy to give us in connection with the opening of the war against the United States of America, England and Holland? (Foreign, War and Navy Ministries)

/Marginal note/ Opposed to Finance Minister's view in regard to acquisition of resources.

8. Is it possible for us to restrict our adversaries of the war to only the Netherlands, or Britain and the Netherlands? (Foreign Ministry and Statistics Bureau)

9. Assuming that the war is to begin next year in March:

How about advantages and disadvantages in foreign relations?  
(Navy, Foreign and War Ministries and Statistics Bureau)

Outlook on the supply and demand of important resources?  
(Planning Board, War and Navy Ministries)

How about advantages and disadvantages considered from the  
strategic point of view? (Statistics Bureau)

Taking the foregoing into consideration, when should the war  
be commenced? (War, Navy and Foreign Ministries and Statistics  
Bureau)

In this connection, what about the possibility and advantages  
of maintaining the present status by giving up the war plan  
against the U. S., England and Holland and increasing the  
production of synthetic oil? (Planning Board, War and Navy  
Ministries)

10. Will it be possible to attain within the shortest possible time our  
minimum demand which was decided at the Imperial Conference of September  
6 by continuing negotiations with the United States? (Foreign, War and  
Navy Ministries)

To what extent should we modify our minimum demand to arrive at a  
compromise? And can the Japanese Government accept it? (Foreign,  
War and Navy Ministries)

Assuming that we accept the United States memorandum of October 2 in  
its entirety, what change will there be in regard to Japan's inter-  
national position, especially towards China, as compared with that of  
before the China Incident? (Foreign, War and Navy Ministries)

11. How will the opening of a war against the United States, England and  
Holland affect Chungking's determination? (Foreign, War and Navy  
Ministries)

(Hand written notes on the back):

1. Protracted war
2. No effect of the Soviet-German war on the Far East seen.
3. Future operations of Germany.
4. Landing operations to be sometime next spring.
5. Hope of peace in the Anglo-German operations slight.

Navy.

1. Defense power of England increased by Soviet-German war - protracted war.
2. England lays emphasis on the Suez and Singapore.
3. America is stalling until she becomes fully prepared (until the latter half of next year).
4. Thus, aid to Russia will be continued.
5. Stalin's regime is striving for racial society.

A F F I D A V I T

I, Kumaichi YAMAMOTO, state the following: In August 1940 I was appointed as Chief of the Asiatic Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Ministry. On October 28, 1941 I was appointed to be concurrently Chief of the American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Ministry. I held these positions until November 1942.

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國家機密

本策通行要領を再検討スベキ要

一、改洲戦の見通し如何（現在の場合、日本が戦争開始場合）

（外統）

二、対米英蘭戦争に於ける初期及び数年に亘る作戦の見通し如何

右の場合、支那非占領地域ヲ利用スル米英軍の措置判断如何（此等モ亦同時ニ考フルト）

（統）

三、今般南に對し開戦スルモトシテ北方ニ如何ナル關聯的現象生ズルヤ

（陸海外統）

四、対米英蘭戦争に於ケル開戦後三年に亘ル船舶徴備量及消耗見込如何

（統）

五、右ニ關聯シる民需用船舶輸送力並主要物資

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需給見込如何

(企)

六 対米英蘭戦争に伴、帝心豫算規模財政  
金融の持久力判断 (蔵)

七 対米英蘭開戦に因り独伊に如何ナル協力、約  
諾せし得るか (資源獲得に因り蔵相見解に及ぶ)

(外陸海)

八 戦争相手ヲ蘭、又ハ英蘭、ニ限定し得るか

(外統)

九 戦争発起ヲ明年三月頃ト見場合

対外関係、利害

(海外陸統)

主要物資、需給見込

(企陸海)

作戦上、利害如何

(統)

右ヲ考量し開戦時期ヲ何時ニ定むべきヤ

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(陸海外統)

右ニ因稱シ対果更ニ開戦企圖ヲ抛棄シ  
人造石油、増産等ニ依リ現状ヲ維持スル能  
否及ビ利害判断

(企陸海)

- 一。 対果交渉ヲ續行シ九月三日以前會議  
決定、我最少限度要求ヲ至短期間内ニ  
貫徹シ得ル見込アリヤ

(外陸海)

我最少限度要求ヲ如何ナル程度ニ緩和共  
妥協見込アリヤ

右ニ帝心トシテ許容シ得ルヤ

(外陸海)

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十月二日 米覺書ヲ全的ニ容認セル場合  
帝ハハ不際地位就中対又地位ハ事變よりニ此シ如  
クニ變化スルヤ

(外、陸、海)

二 対米英蘭開戦ハ重慶側ノ決意ニ如何ナル影響ヲ与ヘバヤ

(東面ノ手書注意事項) 外、陸、海  
一 長期戦

二、ソ独戦ノ極東影響ヲ認ム

三、独逸將來ノ作戦

四、上陸作戦ハ来春以後

五、英独作戦ハ講和ノ望薄

海

一、独リ戦ヨリ英ハ防戦力増大——持久戦

二、英ハスエ新嘉坡ヲ重視スル

三、米ハ十分準備ハ出来ル迄余裕ヲ得ヌコトヲ云フ

(明年後半期迄)

四、従テ今後対蘇援助ニ繼續ス

五、スターリン政權ハ民族的團體ニ努メ

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